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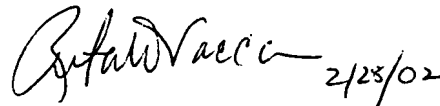
Honorable Sir:

In response to the Decision Refusing Status under 37 CFR 1.47(a) mailed January 11, 2002 regarding the above-identified application, enclosed herewith find a declaration and power of attorney document executed by the non-signing inventor, Dr. Jin Kinoshita, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63. The application papers were sent to Dr. Kinoshita on February 5, 2002. Upon review of the application papers Dr. Kinoshita agreed to sign, and executed the enclosed document.

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